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1. US to approach USSR on Korean invasion--The Department of State has instructed US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow to raise the question of the Korean invasion with Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky and to ask the USSR to use its influence to effect the withdrawal of the invading forces immediately. The Department hopes that such an approach will make it clear to the USSR that aggressive action by the Satellites involves Soviet prestige directly, thus forcing the Kremlin to be more cautious in pushing such tactics to extremes in the future. The Department also considers that prompt and explicit exposure in Western propaganda of Soviet responsibility for a clear-cut case of aggression should go far toward disrupting the increasingly effective Soviet "peace offensive."

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2. Dutch reaction to Korean invasion--Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker has expressed the opinion to US Ambassador Chapin in The Hague that if the US should "permit" South Korea to fall, "the consequences for all Asia, but particularly for Southeast Asia, would be absolutely disastrous," and the Western world could "write off" the whole area forever. Stikker added that the effect on Western Europe would be "lamentable." The Dutch Foreign Minister believes the action in Korea to be "one more Russian bluff," but a very serious one, and he is convinced the USSR does not want war and would back down if strong, immediate counteraction were taken. Stikker declared there was no time to wait for Security Council action and expressed the hope that the US would land troops. Stikker concluded his interview with the Ambassador by saying "all eyes are on America."

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3. Soviet troop movement against Yugoslavia reported--

[redacted] a considerable number of troops are being moved through Rumania toward Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. [redacted] seven military trains composed of fifteen to twenty cars which are completely blacked-out are transporting tanks, artillery, and munitions to the south.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that a buildup of Soviet military equipment and strategic transport facilities in the Balkans has been under way for some time. There is little evidence, however, that Soviet military personnel in the Balkans have been increased sufficiently to enable the USSR to undertake military action in the area at this time.)

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